

paragraphs separate at paragraph 3 as illustrated in FIG. 21.

Referring now to FIG. 21, the result of selecting paragraph 3 is illustrated. Paragraphs 214 have separated at paragraph 3 to reveal sentences 218 having vertical margins 220 within. In one embodiment, the first sentence is initially displayed, ready for reading, as illustrated at first sentence 222. In another embodiment, only margins 220 are initially displayed upon opening the paragraph. Reader selection of sentence 4 is indicated at "X" in FIG. 21, causing the sentences to separate at sentence 4 as illustrated in FIG. 22.

Referring now to FIG. 22, the result of selecting sentence 4 at 223 is illustrated. Sentence 4 is the sentence currently being read. In one embodiment, the completion of reading sentence 4 is indicated by the reader activation of a computer peripheral device such as a mouse button. In another embodiment, the completion of reading a sentence is indicated by the passage of a time period calculated to correspond to the weight of the sentence and the reader's recent reading speed. In a preferred embodiment, the completion of sentence reading is switchable between a time based mode and a reader actuated mode. In one embodiment, speed is reader adjustable using input such as a sliding scroll bar. This allows the reader to increase and decrease speed easily to suit the passage being read.